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YUGOSLAV COMPANIES

1. DURING MEETING IN ZADAR WITH OFFICIALS OF YUGOSLAV SHIPPING
COMPANY "JUGOTANKER," CONGEN OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT US "ANTI-
BOYCOTT" LAW WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON JUGOTANKER'S BUSINESS
WITH SOME US COMPANIES. JUGOTANKER OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT LAW
PROHIBITS EXCLUSION CLAUSES RELATING TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN
CONTRACTS BETWEEN US AND FOREIGN COMPANIES. THEY SAY BECAUSE
"YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT" FORBIDS TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THEY ARE
UNABLE TO SIGN SUCH "NO EXCLUSION" CONTRACTS. AS RESULT,
JUGOTANKER STANDS TO LOSE SEVERAL CONTRACTS INCLUDING TIME
CHARTER AGREEMENT WITH EXXON.

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2. AS THIS IS FIRST CASE IN WHICH YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISE HAS
RAISED PROBLEM WITH US OF EFFECT OF BOYCOTT LAW ON ITS DEALINGS
WITH US COMPANIES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPARTMENT'S
COMMENTS AS TO ACCURACY OF JUGOTANKER'S INTERPRETATION OF BOYCOTT
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